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## NEW MOVE DOES NOT ASSURE END OF B. C. EMBARGO

### COMMITTEE PAVES WAY TO RESTORED LIVESTOCK TRADE

### Floor Price Policy Set Forth at Ottawa

Condition in Recent Months  
Described by Marler  
as "Run Around"

IN LETTERS OF PROTEST

President of A.F.A. States  
Situation in Writing St.  
Laurent and Bowman

OTTAWA, April 16th. — Setting up Tuesday of a Federal - Provincial Livestock Management Committee headed by A. M. Shaw, paved the way for restoration of livestock marketing through the use of beef price-support. It is stated, however, that B.C. may continue the embargo against Southern Alberta Cattle until early summer.

In letters at once courteous and firm in tone, and clear-cut in their insistence that the continued obstruction by British Columbia of interprovincial trade in livestock is unwarranted on health grounds, Roy C. Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, protested some days ago to Prime Minister St. Laurent and Agriculture Minister Bowman of B.C. and called for the ending of the obstructive policy.

At the same time, Mr. Marler submits strong representations to the Prime Minister, to the effect that the floor price which has been announced is at least three cents too low. He says in part:

"Our producers were led to expect immediate removal following the meeting of Governments in Ottawa on April 2nd. We now understand another meeting is being called for the 15th.

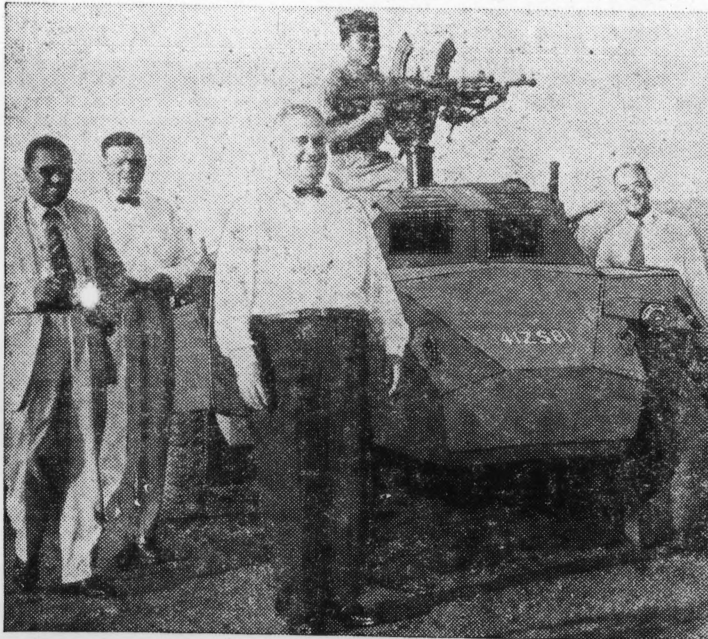
#### Getting Run-Around

"Our producers are now beginning to say that they are getting the run-around and that no one is sufficiently interested to correct the situation. We are at a loss to understand what is impeding the action of Governments when we are advised that the period of incubation of foot-and-mouth disease, between the exposure of any animal to infection and the development of the disease in that animal, is usually from three to six days, while it may appear in twenty-four hours, or, in exceptional cases, over periods of eighteen days or so.

"In our feed lots in Southern Alberta, out of fifteen feeder associations, only two have added lots of cattle in the current year. Many of the cattle in these fifteen lots were added in August and September.

"It occurs to us that if necessary,

### U.S. Tin Mission Has Armored-Car Escort



Members of a United States Tin Mission to Malaya, where the British have been fighting against Chinese-led rebels for more than three years, are seen above. In view of the constant danger of attacks by guerillas who sweep out of the jungles, the mission is provided with an armored-car escort. Led by General Thomas E. Wilson, centre, the mission, whose other members are George L. Weaver, Spencer S. Shannon and Charles W. Merrill, has made an extensive tour of the rubber-and-tin rich country.

these two feeder associations could be authorized to sell locally, but the other thirteen may be permitted — after Government inspection — (if necessary, by both Provincial and Federal inspectors) to move into channels of regular trade to other Provinces.

"Having in mind that these cattle have been on feed — in most cases from five to seven months now — it is just not practical or acceptable, for officials to suggest that these fat cattle, which have been finished on high-priced grain, can be turned back on grass, as any practical person recognizes the difference between grain and grass-fed cattle.

"Our producers feel very strongly that the floor price as announced, is at least three cents too low in order to assure recovery of capital and interest investment in these cattle, not mentioning the high-priced feed, labor, and other overhead that has gone into this industry.

#### Why Not at Toronto Level

"Further, we expect the Government to indicate to us why a floor price on cattle could not, and should not, have been effected on the various public markets across Canada on the same level as at Toronto, having in mind that this

whole question is a domestic one and having no export considerations; therefore, why should the consumers in Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver have cheaper meat than in Montreal and Toronto, realizing that this floor price will set the price indirectly to the consumer under this surplus condition.

"Secondly, why should the producers of eastern Canada enjoy the advantage of two to three cents a pound more than the producers in the four Western Provinces?

#### Marketing Hogs

"Arising from the apparent confusion and unsettled condition and misunderstanding of the marketing of hogs during the recent marketing problems which arose out of the foot-and-mouth infection, there is a feeling that the regulations and policies adopted have not been as well thought out and pronounced as they should have been. . . . We would appeal to the Government that if need be, in order to arrive at the most efficient formula as expeditiously as possible, that the Government solicit the loan of experienced personnel from our public market services and packing plants in order to avoid further delay and confusion with respect to marketing and in respect to the application for floor price."

### PRICE \$25 HUNDRED FOR GOOD STEERS TORONTO IS BASIS

Department of Agriculture  
Urges Partial Hold-back  
of Deliveries

#### GRAIN CROP RECORD

Expect Total Deliveries of  
Crop Will Be About 700  
Million Bushels

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery  
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, April 16th.—The decision to set a floor price for beef arose from the need of giving a proper support to this branch of the livestock industry while the United States embargo is in effect.

The support is on the basis of \$25 per hundred pounds for good steers in Toronto, with the regular schedule of differentials prevailing in normal trade.

#### Lower Categories Also

This price will hold good until July 1st of this year. Before that time, and monthly afterwards, the subject will be reviewed with the object of arriving at the proper measures of support for beef until the U.S. raises entirely or modifies sufficiently its embargo, or trade in livestock can be resumed through the opening of other markets. Other cattle coming under lower categories than good steers will be supported at appropriate figures.

The fixing of support price will help to stabilize the market through giving producers confidence to spread their deliveries, but as explained by Mr. McCubbin, the Parliamentary Assistant to Mr. Gardiner in the Commons, it will not remove marketing difficulties. This can only come about through the reopening of the U.S. border or through getting some other avenues of sale for surplus meat.

#### Urges Partial Hold-back

The spokesman for the department of Agriculture expressed the hope that producers will hold back a portion of the deliveries that would normally come on the market. Even 15 to 20 per cent holdback would mean that grades of cattle entering the market would be higher through being better finished, and well finished cattle get more reasonable rates through the operation of the support price.

A special marketing committee will shortly be set up to assist the Agricultural Prices Support Board and the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture. This new committee will deal with operating policy while officials of the Marketing Service of the department will be responsible

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## Spring Night . . . by Kerry Wood

**L**ET'S go to the show tonight. Not to the Bijou where they have a gangster movie scheduled, but outside — out into the silent country, to stand under the stars and see and hear the marvellous real-life drama that Old Dame Nature is staging. It's a wonderful performance.

## Back From the Southland

Tonight, for example, birds are coming back from the southland. If the moon is shining bright, you may see their hurrying flocks etched blackly against its yellow light. You'll hear their whistlings, faint and far off as they fly through the high skies to northern nesting territories. We can hear the clear whistles of the singing sparrows, the fluty notes of thrushes, the plaintive peepings of plovers, the trumpeting calls of the proud, free-born Canada Geese.

The frogs are out, too. We call them the Spring Peepers. They are really tree dwellers, and this is the only time of year when they live in the water. Measuring about an

inch long, they are slim in build and brown in coloring. Each is a bag-piper, even though they don't wear kilts.

## Fill Air-sac With Air

Peepers fill an air-sac at the throat with air, then let it shrill through their vocal cords or pipes to produce their far carrying frog-peeping so characteristic of springtime. After spending three weeks at the pond, during which time the tree frogs lay strings of black-eyed eggs, the little creatures go hopping overland until they reach the woodlands. They climb up the tree trunks to live among the branches and leaves — they have sticky, suction-grips on their feet to give them sure footing on smooth bark and leaves and permit them to execute daring jumps when pursuing insect victims.

They live on harmful tree insects all summer, until autumn frosts come and leaves start falling. Then tree-frogs climb down from their lofty perches and bury themselves in the earth. There they spend the winter, hibernating in a trance-like sleep. But they waken again when April comes, and hurry at once to the nearest slough or pond to indulge in their annual peeping concert.

## Coyotes' Wild and Eerie Sound

At this time of night, we'll hear coyotes yapping. Some say that the call of the coyote is a horrible noise, but many of us like the wild and eerie sound, so typical of the prairie country after dark. The coyote mating season is all over now, and soon the young pups will be born in hill-side dens.

Perhaps you'll find a den, and be able to watch the pups at play. They put on a fascinating performance: staging mock-fights, running races, quarrelling over sticks and bones. Often they take time out to stalk a beetle or spider, and they love stalking grasshoppers — which they eat. At first the puppies don't catch many insects, but you'll notice that before long they stalk more and more carefully. Later, when full grown, they use the same crouching, creeping, stalking tricks that they practised and perfected on grasshoppers to get close to juicy rabbits or fat field mice.

## Bats Help Control of Pests

Look! — wasn't that a bat, fluttering overhead? Some folk think that bats spend all their time hunting for heads of hair in which to get tangled, but bats are much too busy chasing mosquitoes and moths to indulge in such silly antics. The little creatures live on insects entirely, here in Canada. They do a great deal of good for us, helping to control the myriad numbers of insect pests. In certain parts of the Central Americas, bats are welcomed by humans because they feed on the malaria-carrying mosquitoes infesting those regions.

The Little Brown Bat is our best-known representative of the family. It's the small creature you'll see fluttering around in the early twilight, winging down between avenues of trees, hanging around street lights in towns to pick off the moths attracted to the light, and often fluttering above sloughs and lakes, where insects congregate in numbers.

## Only Three and a Half Inches

The Little Brown Bat measures only three and a half inches long, with a wing-spread of nine inches. At the start of summer, the mother bats

sometimes carry their young with them while flying around hunting for food. Later, when the young bats are too heavy to carry, they stay in the roosts in old barn lofts, house attics, and in hollow trees, hanging upside down by their wing-hooks and waiting until the mother brings home insect food for them. By mid-July, the young ones are flying and hunting their own food.

One variety of bat that you should try to see this spring and summer is the Great Northern Bat, sometimes called the Hoary Bat. They're the largest of the family that come to Canada — even so, they're not very large. They measure only five and a



A Great Blue Heron — one of spring's jitterbug dancers — encountered in a slough marsh.

—Photo by Kerry Wood

half inches long in the body, while their wing-spread is around fifteen inches. These wings are somewhat pointed, while Great Northern Bats usually fly high above the tree tops and feed on the largest moths and beetles. Look for them this summer at twilight.

**Harsh Cackling of Red-necked Grebe**  
Did you hear that harsh cackling, down at that slough? That was the Red-necked Grebe, the one with the rusty cackle so often heard on summer resort lakes.

Grebes put on a queer display of head-shaking during the springtime. A pair will swim towards each other, then one starts shaking its head in a series of rapid side movements or jerks. The other grebe may not notice for a moment and go on about its feeding, whereupon the head-shaker swims closer, shaking its head furiously fast and uttering a harsh throaty note to attract attention. Suddenly, both birds will be shaking their heads, as if saying No-no-no-no! over and over. As a final climax to the queer performance, sometimes one bird will dive and bring up a tit-bit of food from the lake bottom and graciously offer it to the other grebe.

## Birds Stay With Cruising Nests

Soon the grebes will start building nests. They made a raft-nest out of floating vegetation, which they anchor at the reedy edge of a pond. But often the wind wrenches that floating island loose from its moorings, and the grebe nest goes floating here and there across the water until it comes to rest in some secluded bay. The birds stay with it all the time that their home is cruising!

The nest-raft measures about one foot high, and two feet in diameter — at least, that's the size of the part that shows above the water-level. The two eggs are deposited in the hollow in the centre, and the brooding bird can dive right off the nest without doing any walking. Grebes can't walk with any degree of comfort, because their legs are located, so far back on their bodies that they tip over backward when walking. But the position of the legs gives them a decided advantage when swimming under-water.



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#### Dance Revue by Dame Nature

One time I saw a marvellous dance revue staged by Old Dame Nature. Two of those large, long birds called Great Blue Herons were standing in a shallows. They have fierce yellow eyes, always looking very haughty and dignified as they stare into the stream and wait for a minnow or frog to swim close. When such food does come near, the heron snaps out its dagger-like beak and snatches up the victim.

But to get back to the dance revue. The pair I was watching were standing in a shallows, holding their heads high. And suddenly, they started jitterbugging! They squawked and flopped and jiggled and jangled. They seemed to have no bones in their bodies, doing a queer, floppy dance with wings half open and heads dangling loosely at the top of their long necks, with legs flopping around in loose-jointed fashion as they slapped their feet up and down in the shallow water.

This crazy dance stopped just as suddenly as it started, and once again the two birds looked stern and solemn. It's called the mating dance of the herons, very different from the grotesque dance of the Sandhill Cranes that people on the prairies see every springtime.

#### Marvellous Shows for Us to See

Nature puts on many marvellous shows for us, every day and night throughout the year. You can watch the swift mink on the trout streams, darting into the water to swim after fish. You can see the nightly show of the beavers, dining on willow shoots at this time of year. When the young beaver kittens are in the stick lodges, you'll see the mother animal come out and cut a tender branch of willow and carry it back into the lodge with her — the kittens chew on the young willow leaves as their first food after being weaned. While we always think of the beaver's flat tail as being hairless, it's interesting to see that new-born beaver kittens have hairs growing on their tiny tails.

You don't need to leave your own back yard to enjoy nature. You can find an ant hill on your lawn — worse luck! But if you study those ants, you'll find them interesting. Some are workers, others are nurses, some act as gardeners to raise mushrooms in underground rooms, while many are soldier-ants, with massive jaws used for fighting. They don't kill other ants unless they have to, because they really want to capture

### A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

**Board Meeting** — The spring meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Wheat Pool Board rooms, Calgary, on April 4th.

The meeting heard reports on Federation activities regarding the International Wheat Agreement, marketing legislation and foot-and-mouth disease. These three items have been taking considerable time on the part of the Executive.

#### International Wheat Agreement

To deal with the International Wheat Agreement, a special meeting was held in Regina on March 13th. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss points in relation to a new agreement. The meeting reached full agreement on the following points and a statement confirming this agreement was forwarded to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Hon. C. D. Howe.

1. All farm organizations agree that every effort should be made to reach such reasonable terms as will permit of a renewal of the agreement for a period of three years at least.

2. The farm organizations accepted the ceiling and floor price fixed by the present agreement when announced, having regard to factors then prevailing, which affected the farm economy. Factors vitally affecting that economy have since developed which farm organizations could not have anticipated and for which they can take no responsibility.

3. The farm organizations are prepared to assist the Government in

them to enslave them for working purposes. The red and black ants we see in evergreen forests, with nests built of dry spruce needles, are slave-making ants.

Old Dame Nature is putting on a marvellous show for you to see and hear and smell, all around you right now — in your own back yard, out in the vacant lot next door, over in that copse of woodlands or up on the hill beyond town, or back of your farm pasture-lot in the wilderness woods. It's an amazing show, full of interesting characters, and the plot is chiefly concerned with the age-old drama of life and living. Some of it is grim as the struggle for existence, but there are pleasant interludes — the beautiful song of a hermit thrush at evening, the lovely sight of a fawn deer running alongside its gentle mother, the perfumed loveliness of wild roses in June. We have a wonderful heritage of wild creatures around us, needing our protection and understanding. So go visit Old Dame Nature's show sometime soon — you'll like it!

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the conference now pending in advisory capacity, but on the clear understanding that the nation as a whole is responsible for any renewal and its impact on our farm economy in the light of farm costs and other developments affecting the economy.

#### New Agreement — Three Strong Recommendations

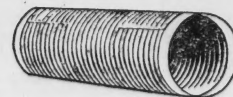
4. Farm organizations are unani-

mous that maximum and floor price must be very substantially increased in any renewal agreement.

5. The Dominion Government should immediately announce that after the 31st of July, 1952, the domestic price of wheat in Canada should be divorced from I.W.A. prices and such wheat should be sold by the Canadian Wheat Board at parity levels.

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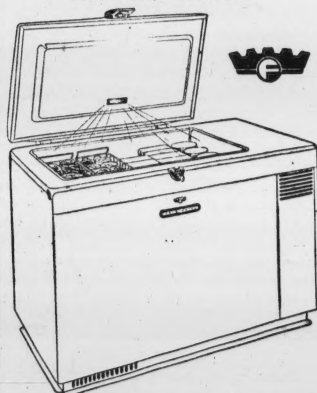
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### THE RUN AROUND

In the courteous but forceful protest which he made a few days ago, in letters to Prime Minister St. Laurent and to Hon. Harry Bowman, Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia, President Roy Marler of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture had behind him, without doubt, the whole of the farming and ranching community of this Province. The absurdities he complained of apparently are not yet ended.

Our producers, Mr. Marler pointed out, have been very patient from the beginning of the period of difficulty and disorganization which resulted from the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan.

"We have tried," he wrote to Mr. Bowman, "to be realistic and considerate with respect to the problems and responsibilities of individuals and governments".

The President then showed that only two feeder associations out of fifteen acquired any cattle during the current year; and that these were in isolated enclosures before the year began, and had been kept in isolation since; and he asked that cattle from these thirteen feed lots be received "if necessary by inspection of your own veterinary branch, with or without the help of the Federal branch."

The failure of the British Columbia Government to lift the embargo after the Provincial-Dominion conference of April 2nd, seemed to indicate clearly, Mr. Marler pointed out, that the delay in removing the barriers no longer hinged "on the susceptibility of animals to contact the disease".

In other words, to quote Mr. Marler's letter to Mr. St. Laurent, the producers have felt that they have been given "the run around".

There can be no doubt about that. There can be no doubt, either, in our judgment, that Alberta farmers have been served conscientiously and well by their organizations in the effort, through negotiations, to bring an end to the provincial embargoes.

These embargoes, however, were never constitutionally valid. The Federal Government, as the Hon. David Ure, Minister of Agriculture for the Province, has repeatedly stated, failed in its duty by not insisting on this point from the beginning.

### PRECIPITATE ACTION

For reasons which have been set forth in resolutions adopted by the farmers' organizations of Alberta over a period of several years, these bodies have been and remain opposed to the export of natural gas from the Province. The Alberta Federation of Agriculture and the Farmers' Union of Alberta have spoken emphatically upon this issue.

It is therefore to be regretted that, at the end of the session, hasty action was taken in conflict with this policy. We do not think there could be any kind of urgency in respect to this subject greater than the urgency of thorough consideration of all argument bearing upon it.

As matters now stand, we believe that frank and full discussion with the representatives of the farm people of Alberta (as well as the spokesmen of other interests) should precede any steps to implement the policy which has been approved by the Legislature.

### Spring In Vancouver

*This land, that winter's armor briefly wore,*

*Behold now with abandon lightly fling*

*Restraint aside and spread along the shore*

*The gossamer habilaments of Spring.*

*The forest is in gala dress arrayed*

*As brave new rootlets prosper in the sun*

*That cleaves the hoary hemlock's sombre shade*

*Proclaiming a new miracle begun.*

*And far and near, for every eye to see,*

*In wayside orchards gay and tender veils*

*Of lovely blossom spread from tree to tree,*

*With lavish splendor that the heart assails*

*With grateful thoughts of Spring-time's magic wand,*

*To which earth's greatest spectacles respond.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

### A HOLLOW VICTORY (Ottawa Citizen)

The Government's victory in the House of Commons debate on foreign affairs by no means represents the real state of mind in the country, in Parliament, in the Liberal party, or even, it may be surmised, in the Cabinet itself.

Overwhelming defeat met an amendment by Mr. Percy Wright of the CCF regretting Canada's failure to implement article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty on non-military co-operation. Yet only Mr. Drew's desire to avoid the appearance of a parliamentary split on foreign affairs kept many Progressive Conservatives from voting with the CCF and Social Credit parties. Party discipline, of course, held the Liberals in line.

In the debate, Mr. Pearson has explained NATO's program with a frankness that would have prevented much recrimination had it been displayed a few weeks ago. He admits now that he himself thought the famous Lisbon press release was ambiguous, and that it "leaked out" before its statement on the 1952 goal of 50 divisions could be amplified. As to reports that NATO's goal is 100 divisions by the end of 1954, however, Mr. Pearson is somewhat disingenuous. He casts doubt on their accuracy by professing ignorance of their source, and yet he used approximately the same figure himself.

Altogether, Mr. Pearson seems to have been very much on the defensive. He evidently felt obliged to disparage article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty as merely a pledge to take constructive action in non-military fields. He confused its purpose with that of article 3, equating military and economic aid. This performance may heighten the common impression that the Cabinet is split between those who want to strengthen the economic and social life of less favored countries and those who would hoard Canada's raw materials and machinery, sending out mainly finished military goods.

General Eisenhower has just told NATO in his annual report that he runs into political and economic factors at every turn, that the central problem is one of morale, that "no man will fight unless he has something worth fighting for." He warns against any substantial lowering of Europe's already low living standards, for a military establishment "will only disintegrate" in an economy too weak to carry it. Yet Canada, Mr. Pearson admits, has rejected NATO's request for \$475,000,000 in aid this year, part of which was to be in such forms as raw material and food-stuffs. Canada's foreign aid will be worth \$325,000,000 in military supplies and \$25,000,000 for the Colombo Plan, with some minor items.

The Government's opposition critics were right, it seems, in raking the Lisbon communique. Far from asking that the current defence program be cut, they have urged that Canada spend more on strengthening the free world by an expansion of non-military aid. It is the Government that is dragging its feet.



## Co-operative Wholesale in Annual Meeting

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY,  
Secretary, Alberta Co-operative Union

**S**ELDOM if ever in Alberta has there been such an interest in the annual meeting of a co-operative as that displayed at the meeting in Moose Temple, Edmonton, of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association last week. Seventy-three delegates and seventy-eight visitors were registered.

With the President, J. R. Love, Edmonton, in the chair, assisted by the Vice-President, George E. Church, Balzac, the report of the Board of Directors and the Auditors' Report and financial statements were thoroughly discussed.

The social aspects were confined to a buffet supper on Wednesday evening, served in the large offices of the Wholesale at the new warehouse on 120th Street, at which H. L. Fowler, of Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives, Saskatoon, was the speaker, and moving pictures were shown by H. P. Brown of the University Department of Extension and D. C. Thornton of the U.F.A. Co-operative.

### Extensive Report Is Presented

An unusually extensive and detailed report was presented by the Board of Directors, commencing with the million dollar program of expansion adopted by the special meeting of shareholders in June, 1948. The difficulties faced by the Wholesale in 1951 are traced to the coincidence of that program with the phenomenal increase in accounts receivable from retail stores in the early months of 1951, including substantial advances for capital improvement, and the taking over of the twenty-one stores of the U.F.A. Co-operative in the same period; these, together with excessive overhead and the cost of moving stocks to the new warehouse in Edmonton, all taking place during 1951.

It was noted that the warehouse at Grande Prairie had been closed, and that a large portion of the space of the Calgary Branch had been rented, and that the staff at all three points had been reduced from 110 to 76.

Sales recorded for the year ending January 31st last were \$2,311,294.72 for the retail division and \$2,731,694.66 for the Wholesale.

### Credit Given S.C.C.S.

The steps taken to meet the financial situation are recounted in detail and credit is given to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society for generous financial assistance rendered. The re-organization required included the resignation of a number of the principal officials and the engaging of E. T. Mowbrey, Treasurer and Comptroller of Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives, as General Manager.

Confidence was expressed that under the new management, with the adoption of rigid budgeting, and the continued loyalty of member unit stores, the worst had been faced, and that the Wholesale was now established on a sound footing, capable of giving efficient service to the 140 stores operating under or in affiliation with it.

The basis for this confidence was set forth in a budget operating statement for 1952. With sales set at \$2,308,850, and an operating saving conservatively estimated at 1.3 per cent, after allowing for other revenue, the budget shows \$61,000 set aside for

preferred share dividends in the years 1951 and 1952, and leaves available for distribution the sum of \$31,872.

Indians and Metis at Cumberland House, northern Saskatchewan, are now operating a co-operative logging project.

### Quality "Chinook"—Sawfly Resistant Spring Wheat

OTTAWA, Ont. — Adapted primarily to Southeast Alberta and Southwestern Saskatchewan, a new sawfly resistant variety of hard red spring wheat, named "Chinook", has been qualified for license. Development of this variety, state officials of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, has been the result of team-work by several Canadian Government scientists, but the breeding program was initiated by A. W. Platt, and H. J. Kemp also made important contributions. Chinook is a cross between the solid-stemmed wheat S-615 and Thatcher. It is expected that fairly large quantities of seed will be available in the spring of 1953.

### Fine Colored Film Highlights Program Alberta Co-op Union

**H**IGHLIGHT of the program of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Union on April 8th was the first showing of a colored film entitled "Without Fireworks", produced during the past year under the auspices of the Co-operative Union, with the co-operation of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative, by the Educational Director of that organization, D. C. Thornton of Calgary. Mr. Thornton is also a director of the Co-operative Union. The meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton.

### Wide Variety of Scenes

In the form of a travelogue, extending from the international boundary northward to the Peace River area, the 400-foot film presents most attractively a wide variety of scenes and activities. Showing many of the beauties of the Province, it includes a side trip to Banff Park; it illustrates a number of the outstanding events of 1951, and the activities of about a dozen of Alberta's co-operatives. The film was greatly appreciated.

By request, "Without Fireworks" was shown again to a large audience the following evening at a social gathering of the delegates of the annual meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale in the commodious offices of that co-operative.

### Features Royal Visit

Features of the film are the visit to Calgary of the then Princess, now Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, first in their plexiglass covered automobile, then in the historic Truro mail coach drawn by four beautiful horses from the stables of the Co-op Milk Co., driven by George E. Church; then later as they sat on the platform, warmed by electrically

heated blankets watching in an unseasonable snow storm a miniature Calgary Stampede.

Another of the big events depicted is the opening of the St. Mary Dam by the Right Honorable James Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture.

### Co-operative Activities Portrayed

Both audiences showed keen interest in the co-operative features of the film, commencing with the most southerly elevator of Alberta Wheat Pool at Whiskey Gap, ranging as far as Dawson Creek, where the farthest north-west of the branch creameries of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool is situated, and taking in on the journey a description of the manufacture at the Red Deer Condensary of the famous "Alpha Milk" of the Central Dairy Pool; and of "Money-Maker" feeds at the mill and elevator of United Grain Growers, Limited, in South Edmonton.

Other co-operative activities included are the yards of Alberta Livestock Co-operative, plant of Alberta Poultry Producers Co-operative, that of Northern Alberta Dairy Pool and the new warehouse of Alberta Co-operative Wholesale at Edmonton, the Canadian Co-operative Implements display of machinery at the Co-op Corral at the Calgary Stampede, and the farthest northwest gasoline and oil plant of the United

### Swedish Co-op Bonds Are Now Tied to Cost of Living

STOCKHOLM. — The big Swedish co-operative wholesale, Kooperativa Forbundet, is selling bonds in the U.S. as well as in Sweden. A novel feature of the 20-year 3 per cent bonds is that they are tied to the cost of living in Sweden, so that the co-op plans to pay them off in January, 1972, at a rate set by the price level existing in the country at that time.

Farmers Co-operative at Hythe in the Peace River.

Prints of this film are to be made available to other co-operatives in Alberta and others throughout Canada through the Co-operative Union.

### Some Seed Available

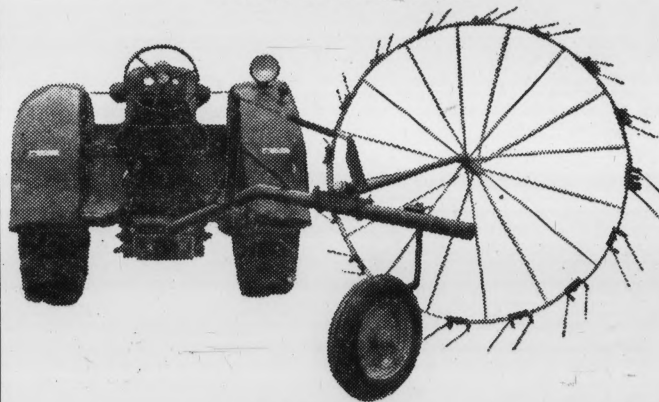
BEAVER LODGE, Alta. — "Earl-north" is a new early tomato which has given good results in trials at Beaver Lodge Experimental Station. A small quantity of seed is available, and applications for trial packets should be sent to the Station.

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## Farmers Not Appreciated

**T**HE role of farmer co-operatives is more important today than ever before.

Their members are the strongest group left in our country to oppose all of the "isms" including "Ottawa-ism".

Farmers operate the greatest number of private enterprises in our total economy. They believe that if there are weaknesses in our capitalistic system, the thing to do is to correct them rather than destroy the system that has put this country in the favored position it is in today.

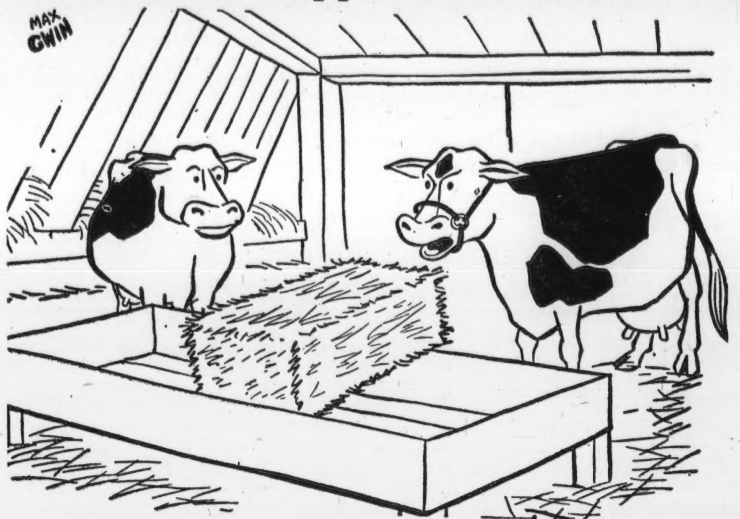
Our capitalistic society is the only one in which our type of co-operative can operate.

### Based on Self-Reliance

Based on self-reliance — the farmer co-operatives embody the faith and hope that we can solve our own problems by working with other business interests with which we come in contact. Co-operatives may be able to prevent either of two extremes — the concentration of wealth and power in a few organizations or government regulating everything.

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In terms of food value, dairy and poultry products usually have been underpriced when compared with most other foods.

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Save only if the farmers' might  
Of seed and service handled right  
Shall make for all the plenteous meal.  
—William Collier Gray.



# The Gas Question . . . The Time for Decision

By ROBERT LINDSAY

The question of the export of natural gas from Alberta is being widely debated at the present time. The Provincial Government has agreed to permit one corporation to export 300 billion cubic feet from the Peace River area to the west coast.

## Provincial Board Reports

This step was recommended by the Provincial Conservation Board. That Board suggested that no further exports be permitted for a period of 16 years.

The ultimate decision on natural gas export from this province will be the most important one in the history of Alberta. It will not only materially affect those living here at the present time, but future generations.

## Alberta's Opportunity

A little over a year ago the Conservation Board estimated that the needs of Alberta over the next 30 years would require 3.1 trillion cubic feet of gas. In the latest report presented to the Government, it raised the estimate by 1 trillion cubic feet.

The reason therefore was that already several large corporations have decided to locate plants in this Province on the strength of the natural gas resources. Highly experienced men in the business world have stated that Alberta can become a scene of one of the greatest concentrations of chemical industries on this continent, provided an abundance of natural gas is available for years to come.

The petro chemical industry is steadily increasing in importance. At the present time about \$1 billion is invested therein in the United States, and it is anticipated within a year or two that investment will be increased to \$4 billion. Naturally the United States is anxious to obtain Alberta gas; that republic is concerned in developing its own industries on its own soil. The interests of the people of Alberta lie in the development of industry within the boundaries of this Province.

## Our Weak Economy

The weakness of Alberta's economy lies mainly in the lack of industries. The industrial centre of this country is in Ontario and Quebec. Those two Provinces produce about 80 per cent of Canada's manufactured goods. Alberta produces about 4 per cent. Our people have to import such goods over 2,000 miles, and they have to pay freight charges thereon. Alberta needs more manufacturers to provide markets for Alberta farmers. We are compelled to export too large a percentage of farm products.

Industrial development in this Province depends mainly on the use of our natural gas. The one opportunity for industrialization that this Province may ever have is now available. If our gas is allowed to be freely exported, this opportunity will be lost. We will then remain subservient to Ontario and Quebec for all time to come.

## Price Increase a Certainty

Another feature which should not be overlooked is the certainty that the price of gas will increase in Alberta with the increase in exportation. Such was the experience in Texas and there is no reason to believe that the case in this Province would be different. The price of gas will then depend upon the price great cities in the Un-

ited States will be willing to pay for the product.

The people of Alberta have never been fully informed on this subject. Those interested in gas export are big corporations with tremendous wealth and power. They have at their command the cleverest lawyers and publicity experts who can present the most enticing arguments in favor of gas export.

## Puerile Arguments

There are many arguments presented by such interests to influence public opinion. They say that Alberta exports its coal, its lumber and its grain, so why not export its gas!

Alberta exports its coal because it has the greatest coal reserve in the British Empire and the production of coal provides employment for many miners.

This Province exports grain because the same can be produced year after year. If the farms are properly managed, their fertility is not impaired. Proper forest management enables the export of lumber, while growing trees provide a constant supply.

## Can't Be Replenished

In the case of natural gas, however, little employment is provided once the pipelines are built, and when the gas is gone it can never be replenished. Montana's gas fields seem to have diminished to the extent that importation is required, and when our gas is exhausted, all that will remain will be a few thousand holes in the ground.

The puerile argument is also presented that if Alberta does not export its gas when the opportunity is presented now, there is a likelihood that atomic energy will provide the main source of heat and power within a comparatively short time, and so our gas reserves will lose their value.

If that is so, why is it that corporations are eager and willing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on pipelines to carry our gas elsewhere? Those people do not think we will have available to our use the economic production of atomic energy in the very near future, neither do the highest authorities on the subject of atomic energy.

Alberta people should be fully informed on the true situation with regard to the export of natural gas. They should be made aware of the opportunity for the industrialization of this Province.

Some of the greatest corporations on the continent have their eyes on Alberta right now. Already three or four have announced plans for the building of industries here. Many others will follow if this problem is handled in the best interest of Alberta people. If free export is permitted, it will be the greatest mistake ever made.

## OTTAWA LETTER

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for all details of operation.

In addition to the special marketing committee there will be an advisory committee to which Provincial Governments may appoint representatives.

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ford a buffer to disadvantages that followed closely in the wake of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, now hoped and believed to be eradicated.

Some further light was shed, in the closing days of Parliament before the Easter recess, on the problems arising from late harvesting of the grain crops last autumn and from the large amount of wet and tough wheat, and on the activities of the Wheat Board in meeting these problems. Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, dealing with this subject, gave the initial prices to be paid by the Board for wheat, oats and barley.

## Largest in History

As there is still a considerable amount of harvesting to be done (with this to be done when the grain is dry) with quantities already delivered or in process of delivery, it seems probable that total deliveries in the present crop will be about 700 million bushels, the largest total in the history of the prairie Provinces.

The problems facing the handling and marketing of the grain arise from the lateness of harvesting and the great quantity of tough or damp grain (estimated at about 250 million bushels). On the favorable side has been the good demand. Good progress has been made in disposing of the grain in view of the demand, and this will be reflected in results later on. Most of the wheat deliveries will

be disposed of within the crop year. However, with a considerable quantity to be delivered in the closing months of the year, the wheat carryover will very probably be higher on July 31st than the same date last year.

The Government is establishing the initial price for wheat for crop year 1952-53 at the same level as last year, \$1.40 per bushel Number One Northern in store at head of Great Lakes, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver on the Pacific.

Much the same conditions applying to wheat apply to oats and barley, and the same policy of payment will be followed, the initial prices being for oats, No. 2 C.W. 65 cents and for barley No. 3 C.W. 6 row 96 cents all in store head of Great Lakes.

## Farmers' Income Largest

Canadian farmers in 1951 received the largest total income in the country's history, amounting to \$2,825 million, an increase of 27 per cent on the 1950 income of \$2,219,600,000. During the year the demand for Canadian wheat in many countries and for Canadian beef during most of the year in the United States was strong. The index for farm products dropped 11.6 points in February of this year, from 284.0 in January to 272.4. The figure this February was 12.8 points down from February, 1951, the cause being largely the dislocation of markets due to foot-and-mouth disease.

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# Alberta Co-operative Union Holds Fourth Annual Meeting

WITH J. Frey of Arneson presiding, the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Union was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Tuesday, April 8th.

Though the meeting had been arranged to precede that of Alberta Co-operative Wholesale on the two succeeding days, in order to save time and travelling expenses for delegates planning to attend both, the attendance was disappointingly small.

In addition to the address of the President, Mr. Frey, and the report and statements of the auditor, R. B. Ward of Calgary, addresses were given by F. J. Fitzpatrick, Alberta Government Supervisor of Co-operative Activities; by Sylvan Hillerud, Agricultural Secretary of the University Department of Extension; Geo. A. Swales, Calgary Secretary of the Credit Union League of Alberta; C. C. Gant, Edmonton, Alberta Manager of Co-operative Life Insurance Company; and Mrs. J. R. Love, Vice-President of Edmonton and District Co-operative Women's Guild. Showing of the colored film "Without

Fireworks" by D. C. Thornton described elsewhere in this issue, was a feature of the evening session.

Of the two retiring directors R. H. Huggett, Edmonton, was re-elected. I. Kalla, Red Deer, representing the consumer section declined to accept re-nomination and it was left to the board to fill the vacancy. The Executive was re-elected, Mr. Frey, President; C. C. Gant, Vice-President; J. R. Love, Executive Director. (Important reports by President Frey and Secretary - Treasurer Norman F. Priestley will be dealt with in our next issue).

Protesting against export of natural gas, President Henry Young, in behalf of the F.U.A., has strongly urged delay at least until a plebiscite shall have been taken.



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## WORLD CHRONICLE

April 3rd — Telegraph workers in U.S. go on strike; telephone walkout postponed. C.I.O. President Phillip Murray says steel strike will start on April 9th. Claxton reveals Canadian armed forces have doubled since start of Korean war. Canadian National Railways show operating surplus of over \$44 millions for 1951. In Washington, Attorney - General McGrath fires investigator Morris, and is himself fired by Truman.

April 4th — Britain's gold and dollar reserves stand at \$635 millions, announced; two billions considered by experts minimum for safety. New steel wage talks started in U.S. Chalk

river atomic plant is probably now in second place to U.S. Idaho plant in speed of production of neutrons, stated in Ottawa, though comparisons difficult.

April 5th. — Labor makes gains in British local elections. Truce negotiators are working on compromise plans suggested in Munsan despatch.

PHILLIP MURRAY

Singapore reports chemical warfare may be waged on crops in Communist-dominated areas of Malaya. British foreign trade during 1951 shows big deficit, announced in London. U.S. submits plans for UN inspection of atomic weapons; Britain and France will study it. Russia's Malik denounces it as "smokescreen."

April 6th. — Non-whites in South African cities demonstrate against Malan racial segregation policies.

April 7th. — Indian ambassador to Moscow (who is India's vice-president elect), states on eve of departure that "every effort should be made to get the top people together" to try to settle world problems; believes no outstanding problem "could not be settled by negotiation," and that it would be "unwise to bang the door against every approach." (Stalin on April 1st had advised U.S. newspapermen he considered third world war no nearer than two or three years ago, and that meeting of heads of great powers could be useful). Chairman MacMahon of Senate - House atomic energy commission in Washington states "building of hydrogen bomb" . . . is underway." Over 83,000 telephone workers in U.S. go on strike. Lord Salisbury says Britain would end Commonwealth by joining any European federation. New Canadian budget estimates surplus of nearly 356 millions from coming fiscal year. British textile manufacturers, facing slump in industry, study offers to buy from Russia, China and other Iron Curtain countries.

April 8th. — New Canadian budget cuts taxes on cigarettes, household appliances, automobiles; income tax to increase after July 1st. U.S. Government seizes steel industry; workers call off strike.

April 9th. — U.S. steel industry loses first legal action to prevent Government seizure. UN negotiators in Korea refuse offer to withdraw Russian nomination as truce inspector in return for dropping of ban on airfield construction. Canadian Parliament approves Japanese peace treaty. Bolivian rebels seize radio station, troops loyal to regime hold garrison and air field. Ottawa sets floor price on beef, 25 cents for good steers at Toronto, on condition Provinces give Federal Government free hand in marketing.

April 10th. — Russia turns down suggestion of UN commission on free German elections; proposes instead

## Wins High Award



Soprano Lois Marshall, Toronto, is the second Canadian to win the Walter W. Naumburg award, one of the highest competitive musical awards on the continent. She attended the competitions in New York, to which she will return for a recital in Autumn. Betty-Jean Hagen, Edmonton violinist, won the award in 1950.

setting up of Big Four commission.

April 11th. — Eisenhower resigns job as commander NATO forces, to be effective June 1st; if nominated for President, will also resign generalship in U.S. army; says has made no plans to campaign for nomination.

April 12th. — Washington states C.I.O. are considering widening communications strike to cover whole of U.S. Missouri River at record flood

levels. At close of international economic conference in Moscow, Lord Boyd - Orr announces British group has signed sales contracts for £16 million and purchase contracts for same amount. Announced in London Labor gained 419 seats on 62 county councils in recent elections.

Apr. 13th. — Bolivian revolutionaries in control of capital; ask return of leader Paz Estenssoro (who headed polls in last year's election); 300 killed in fighting.

Apr. 14th. — Malan Government will double police force in anticipation of disorders arising from dislike of apartheid policy. Korean negotiators break brevity record for fourth consecutive day; meeting lasts less than minute.

Apr. 15th. — Truman signs Japanese peace treaty, to take effect Apr. 28th. London announces signing of treaties for mutual military assistance with Italy, Western Germany. Claxton denies report from Hong Kong that UN forces in Korea are using germ warfare. U.S. communications strike settled in three states.

Apr. 16th. — Truman visits areas flooded by Missouri; 100,000 forced to leave homes.



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## Session of Assembly at Edmonton in Review

—By C. H. STOUT—

**W**HEN the 57 members of the Legislative Assembly lined up late Thursday afternoon, April tenth, for their indemnity checks of three thousand dollars each, covering 34 days of the fifth session of the eleventh house, they all knew that some at least wouldn't be back that way again.

### August Thought Probable Date

For it's generally understood, though not officially admitted by the Government, that a Provincial election will be held in Alberta before the next session of the Legislature. Owing to the elections in British Columbia, where Alberta Social Creditors plan to take a hand, being set for June twelfth, the voting in Alberta probably won't be held until August. But of course it may be earlier. The actual date hasn't yet been discussed by a Government caucus, so we are informed, and our guess is that the Cabinet strategist, Attorney General Lucien Maynard, may be the one to suggest the day.

### Four Constituencies Added

The Twelfth Assembly will find sixty-one members returned, four more than in the House which prorogued Thursday last. One new constituency will be added, that of Bonnyville in the northeast in the French Canadian section, two more in Edmonton and one more in Calgary, bringing the cities to seven and six members each respectively.

There were few startling developments at this session of the Legislature, which opened without the usual formality on February 21st, the quiet ceremony being due to the death of the King. The prorogation ceremony was equally subdued, but between times some records were set.

As for legislation, the Government program was one of the heaviest in years, with some 112 bills introduced and passed, though a large number were of minor amending nature.

### Budget All-time High

Not so the 1952-53 budget, which soared to an all-time high of more than 116 million dollars, with another 7 million dollars loan added for the telephone department. Of this record budget something like 28 million dollars will come from the Federal Government in grants and in refunds for Provincial taxation turned over to Ottawa. The oil industry is expected to provide more than 35 millions, the gasoline and motor license levy nearly 13 million, liquor profits 12 million and so on down the long line of revenues all of which show a healthy increase over the previous year.

### Assistance to Municipalities

Various forms of municipal assistance, including health, roads, welfare, education, and added grants to local governments will amount to about 30 millions, according to the estimates. This will include a 50-50 share of the gasoline tax to the municipalities; but on the other hand the cost of gasoline supplied to local councils and administrations will be increased, so the total of 6 million in round figures for motor car revenue to the cities will

A veteran with a distinguished record in daily newspaper work, whose career dates back to the early days of the Province, Mr. Stout spent many years as editor of the news service of radio station CFCN, which is sponsored by the Alberta Wheat Pool. On his retirement, the editorship of this news service was taken over about four years ago by his son, Lorne, who had previously played an important part in its development.

be pared down considerably.

Under the so-called Self Liquidating Projects Act, local governments may finance utilities and similar projects under a two per cent loan, and a new Housing Act will enable municipalities to engage in lower rental schemes dovetailed with the National Housing Act. School districts will get an outright grant of 25 per cent for any building scheme, with another 25 per cent of the cost provided by a government loan without interest.

### Road Costs Biggest Item

Biggest project of all in the year's expenditure will be road building and maintenance, this to amount to more than 24 million dollars, including bridges and ferries. The sum also provides for two and a half millions for extension of the Trans-Canada highway with the Federal Government matching this with another two million and a half. As everyone knows, this highway runs through Medicine Hat, Calgary and Banff.

### Widows Pensions for First Time

Widows will be given pensions for the first time, but only when between the ages of 60 and 65 and when total income, including pension, does not exceed 750 dollars annually. This will cost the Province only about 280 thousand dollars this year.

On the other side of the health question, the Government steadfastly refused to have an official examination of hospital costs under the legislation which makes the Government responsible for hospital charges in maternity and pension cases. It was claimed by the opposition that the Government payments did not meet the costs incurred by the hospitals in such work.

### Family Courts Established

Family courts will be established under competent judges, and an extra twenty men will be engaged from the R.C.M.P. to enforce Government liquor legislation, principally in Edmonton and Calgary. And the Premier announced that what Liberal Leader Harper Prowse charged was a "subsidy" to horse racing in the Province, would be changed so that the Speers Corporation of Winnipeg would no longer get a rebate of fifty per cent of the pari-mutuel tax. Payments on a reduced scale will hereafter go to the Exhibition Associations of Calgary and Edmonton.

### More for Agriculture

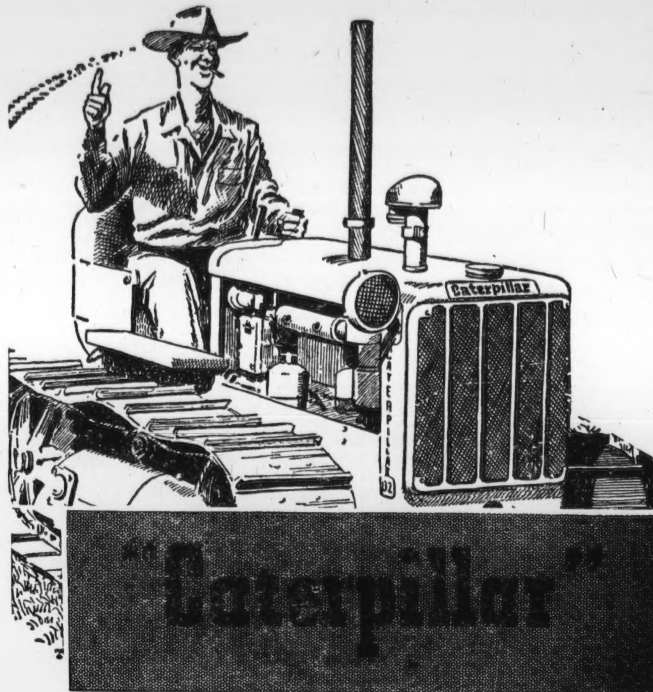
The Department of Agriculture will get 2 million, 189 thousand this year, compared with 1 million, 808 thousand in 1950-51.

On the capital side of the ledger, the Department's water resources branch will spend something like 4 million, 221 thousand on the construction of the Milk River and St. Mary development projects and other irrigation districts in the south.

Changes were made in the work-

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Improving the building recently secured, (The Hut) was the principal business at a recent meeting of Sedalia F.W.U.A. After the business, writes Mrs. Anderson, lunch was served to the members and to the men "chauffeurs" who were in town.

# FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

## WE HEAR ABOUT THE VISITOR INDUSTRY

Dear Farm Women:

Don't you find it entertaining to note the different enthusiasms, different interests of people we see or hear? I was at a meeting tonight where there were speakers who could certainly be called enthusiasts on their subject, and it is a subject in which probably very few of you have a direct interest although it was impressed on us that we had all had, indirectly. It was a meeting of the Board of Trade of the adjoining small city and this village. Tonight they had a special meeting with a dinner and speakers from Victoria and Vancouver.

### "The More Modern Way"

I was about to say that the subject for the evening was the Tourist Industry, which is so much a feature of our modern life. I remember, however, that the principal speaker urged us to refer to it as the Visitor Industry, assuring us that was the more modern way of referring to it and one which he felt was preferred by the travellers.

Now, you in Alberta may think you have the banner Province in the Dominion; but I assure you that you are simply not in it, as they say, in the opinion of these speakers who are engaged in the Visitor Industry in a publicity capacity, or the opinion of an editor of a Vancouver paper, as one was.

The first speaker was from Victoria, and his subject was one that is a well known one to most of us. It was co-operation. However, it was not co-operation as we usually hear

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it discussed. The speaker reminded the audience that the North-Western States of Washington and Oregon were associated with the Western Province of Canada in the interests of this Visitor Industry and stated that these States and our Province have an organization to that end. He stressed how they might help each other directing visitors, etc., and again and again urged co-operation.

### Our Friends "Go to Town"

When it came to the list of attractions of this Province and where it excelled, our Board of Trade friends indeed "went to town". Victoria offered a bit of Old England. Naturally the great beauty all up the Island was stressed, and emphasis was laid on the fact that the glacier just beyond the Forbidden Plateau of old Indian legend (and not far from here, by the way) provides skiing the year 'round, I believe.

Naturally the fishing of the salmon, cod and trout was held out as one of the great attractions, and a good fish story was told. Then we learned that the world's record Ayrshire cow was in British Columbia; that better grass could be grown here than the blue grass of Kentucky; that Netted Gem potatoes had gone 28.09 bushels to the acre. No mention was made of other breeds or varieties.

### Alberta Must Look to Its Laurels

The soil some place was the deepest. I might say I can assure you that that place is not right here. The only woman who grew world champion wheat lived in this Province. The minerals enumerated were too numerous for me to remember, but I do want to warn you that, according to geological information, we shall be getting more oil than you in Alberta. The audience was urged to think big and they would grow big as a Province.

While it might seem to the casual observer that only those who came in direct contact with the tourists or visitors and catered to their wants would be benefitted, the speaker stressed the connection of some of the occupations, and how they were helped. Comment was made of the very brief stay of so many of the visitors and we were urged to try to get them to stay longer. Do as Los Angeles did. Adopt the slogan "Stay another day", which had most beneficial results in that way.

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### TEMPTATION OF STRENGTH

As the strength of the West is built up, said Hon. Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs, recently, "there might be a temptation to use it assertively, which must be avoided."

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## News of Women's Locals

Mrs. Earl Gray writes that Marwayne F.W.U.A. recently held a successful dance, and that \$10 was sent to the Crippled Children's Hospital.

Mrs. F. S. Ford read the bulletin on co-operation and Miss Reed gave a demonstration on window treatment, at a recent meeting of Heath F.W.U.A.

At their last meeting, Fleet F.W.U.A. decided to contribute lunch at the Red Cross Dance, and to send another \$5 for the Sand and Gravel case fund, states Mrs. C. Mills.

By catering to fifty guests at a wedding reception, Ascot F.W.U.A. (Wainwright) were enabled to make a donation to the Red Cross, writes Mrs. Luciw, the secretary.

A very informative talk on gardening, by E. L. Nielsen, was heard recently by Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe). At the same meeting, writes Mrs. Kasha, plans were made for presenting three one-act comedies.

A donation of \$10 has been made by Conrich F.W.U.A. towards the leadership course, reports Mrs. K. Carlyle. Recently Mrs. Speerstraw gave a very interesting account of her trip to Mexico and the Hawaiian Islands.

The travelling handicraft display and tea held recently by Innisfree F.W.U.A. was very successful; but Mrs. Eva Kuzio reports that bad roads kept (Continued in Next Column)

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### Stampede Queen Candidate



Miss Helen Smith, above, is the Junior F.U.A. candidate for Stampede Queen for 1952. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, of Bittern Lake; is treasurer of the Junior Local there, and a member of the Beef Calf Club. Miss Smith is keen on skating and other sports, and is fond of music, dancing and needlework. The Juniors are soliciting support for Miss Smith's candidature from all members and friends of the organization.

down attendance at the regular meeting, held later.

Their dance and raffle yielded over \$75 for Central F.W.U.A. (Eckville). Of this, \$10 was earmarked for the Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary and \$20 was sent to the Red Cross, writes Mrs. James W. Murdoch, secretary.

Car insurance was discussed at a recent meeting of Edmonton F.W.U.A., and a resolution passed in favor of a system of government operation, writes Mrs. D. Hughes, the secretary. A donation is being sent to the Junior Conference fund.

Recently Evergreen F.W.U.A. decided to work towards getting a well at the Community Hall, so that a skating rink could be built. Mrs. M. A. Brandon, secretary, writes that proceeds of \$20 from the raffle of a blanket were voted to the Crippled Children's Hospital.

In aid of the Red Cross and the Crippled Children's Hospital, Swallow F.W.U.A. recently arranged a whist drive. At the regular meeting, Mrs. A. Cameron gave a lively and interesting talk on her visit to the Farmers' Union School in Montana, reports Mrs. H. M. Woodland.

Thirty new members, to date, were secured in the recent membership drive of Champlain F.W.U.A. (Brossau), writes the secretary, Mrs. L. B. Coutu. Although bad roads kept down the attendance at the whist drive sponsored by these ladies, over \$79 was taken in. The Local has decided to raise some money for the leadership school fund.

It's the Christian Science Monitor that tells the one about the lady whose car was dug out of the snow by an obliging neighbor: 'It's heartening,' she remarked, 'to find that shovelry isn't dead!'

### MUST BE ALTERNATIVE, SAYS FORD

"There are two obvious places we could go. One is to war. The other is broke. There must be an alternative. There must be some way to learn to live with Russia." — Henry Ford II, in U.S. News and World Report, Jan. 25th.

## THE SANCTUARY

Kerry Wood's New Book

THE history of a tract of land, two hundred and thirty acres in extent, adjoining the town of Red Deer, is told by Kerry Wood in his new book, 'The Sanctuary'. The tract contains two lakes, a ravine, hills, meadows, and forest; and is still the home of many wild creatures.

### Part of Jack Gaetz Holding

It formed part of the holding acquired by the late Jack Gaetz, by homestead and by purchase, in 1885. Throughout the years he and his wife preserved the natural charm of the wild region around the two ponds, and refused to cut the spruce, which would have yielded considerable revenue. "Canada could have done with more men and women like them!" comments Mr. Wood, "People who loved beauty, and who kept faith with their conviction that such an attractive wilderness should be preserved in nature's state."

### Is Made Provincial Park

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Gaetz, however, the sanctuary fell into neglect, and was threatened by fire and other dangers. Efforts of a small group of citizens, of whom one guesses Mr. Wood was a leader, finally resulted in the land being made a Provincial park and wild life sanctuary.

Mr. Wood begins his story with his own early rambles and adventures in the sanctuary, as a boy, and ends with the period of walks and work parties in the recent past, with groups of boys of a new generation, or with his own young family.

### Light on Writer's Personality

Incidentally, though the book is primarily about the park and the plants and birds and animals that inhabit it, not the least interesting side is the light shed on the life and personality of the writer. A very kindly, pleasant person is revealed, with a wide knowledge of natural life and a warm sympathy for all living creatures.

The book closes with a plea for the setting up of similar sanctuaries in other districts; for the saving of tracts of woodland, small or large, in coulees, beside rivers or creeks or lakes, in their natural state. There wild life can be preserved and studied; there people, young and old, can picnic or ramble or rest.

### Such Sanctuaries Urgently Needed

Such sanctuaries are urgently needed, concludes Mr. Wood: "We need to escape for awhile from the furious turmoil of the workaday world and go again along quiet trails that lead to the bountiful blessings of nature. Here the human spirit can always find happiness and peace, and reassurance of the Presence of God."

The book is printed in a clear, readable type, and is illustrated with a number of the author's drawings, in amusing cartoon style. Autographed copies can be secured from the author, Kerry Wood, Box 122, Red Deer, Alberta, at \$1.50 postpaid. A.T.S.

### Total Farm Area

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### A.F.A. NOTES

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6. The Canadian delegation should press for an annual review of maximum and minimum price levels by the International Wheat Council on the basis of a composite index, basis to be agreed upon.

### Provincial Marketing Legislation

Mr. Kapler reported on the activities aimed at securing Provincial marketing legislation that would enable Alberta poultry producers to set up their own marketing board. He reviewed the many meetings, national, provincial and interprovincial, held to co-ordinate the activities with other Provinces so that marketing boards can function in interprovincial and export trade.

The most recent meeting in this regard was held on March 19th, when the Federation representatives met with the members of the Alberta Legislature. The members were provided with a very complete picture of what was required and the objectives of the farm people in asking for marketing legislation.

### Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Mr. Marler, in reporting on foot-and-mouth disease, pointed out that the Federation had left no stones unturned in attempting to reach an early solution to the marketing problem brought about by the outbreak of this disease. Livestock representatives took part in four special meetings called for this purpose. The final meeting in this regard was called by the Western Agricultural Conference and representatives from the four Western Federations were in attendance. Following this meeting a delegation met with Hon. J. G. Gar-

diner at Ottawa on April 1st for further discussions.

The Federation from the start urged that floor prices were necessary and that they should be comparable to those in effect just prior to the outbreak of the disease. They also urged that Provincial embargoes be removed.

### Seed Wheat Distribution

Mr. Marler also reported on a resolution passed at our annual meeting designed to improve the distribution of seed wheat. He pointed out that, as requested, seed handling organizations can now buy direct from producers, wheat that will qualify for seed purposes and which has been approved as to seed grade and germination by the Dominion Seed Branch. Many other items of routine business concluded the one-day meeting.

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### Might Invade Our Fields

Should stem rust "Race 158" occur in Oklahoma and Kansas this spring, and should the prevailing winds be from the south, this disease might invade Western Canadian wheat fields during June and July. This threat exists, in the opinion of Dr. F. J. Greaney, Director of Line Elevators Farm Service. He states that none of the wheat varieties now grown commercially in the Prairie Provinces are resistant to Race 158, but suggests the following rust control measures: use of a high germinating wheat of a recommended variety; cleaning and treating of all seed wheat; where possible, use of a phosphate fertilizer; and above all, seeding as early as possible. These measures all promote early maturity, and crops that mature early, says Dr. Greaney, have a much better chance of escaping rust damage.

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## The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

Last year Canada produced a wheat crop of 562 million bushels, of which 523 million bushels were produced in the Prairie Provinces — one of the biggest crops this Dominion has ever turned out. The atrocious harvesting weather which prevailed in the west last fall created an ominous situation. A substantial percentage of the wheat was harvested in a tough or damp condition — the present estimate is that the total of such wheat is 250 million bushels — and at the start of the season the Wheat Board had difficulty in obtaining sufficient millable wheat to meet its export commitments. In addition it had the problem of marketing the out-of-condition grain.

Last week, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, stood up in the House of Commons and said that the major portion of wheat delivered to the Board will be disposed of before the crop year ends on July 31st. He predicted some increase in the wheat carryover. Last year's carryover totalled 189 million bushels. The Minister said that Wheat Board handlings of all grains this year would likely total around 700 million bushels. Out of that total it is likely that wheat will reach the figure of 450 million.

#### Good Marketing Break

While the farmers of the Prairie Provinces got a bad weather break, it now appears that the Wheat Board got a good marketing break. There is a very active world demand for wheat and the available surplus is located mainly in North America. Australia's crop was small (161 million bushels) and Argentina had the worst crop failure in its history; in fact that South American republic may even have to import wheat before its next harvest comes along. Last week Broomhall, British grain authority, reported that Argentina had purchased a shipload of winter wheat from the United States, possibly to fill commitments to Paraguay.

Present indications are that world trade in wheat may total in excess of 900 million bushels this crop year. The

## Livestock Market Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 14th. — Handyweight steers in the brandable grades predominated in last week's offerings, bringing \$25 to \$26; good steers \$24 to \$25, down to \$18 for common; choice fed calves \$25.50 to \$26.50; choice heifers \$23 to \$24, down to \$18 for common; good cows \$18 to \$19, canners and cutters \$10 to \$14. Occasional carloads of hogs reached \$25.50, but the bulk of sales were at \$25.25 for Grade A, shipment.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Apr. 16th. Hogs sold yesterday \$23.75, good lambs \$21. Good to choice butcher steers were \$22 to \$23, down to \$18 for common; good to choice heifers \$21.50 to \$23, down to \$18 for common; good to choice fed calves \$24.50 to \$26; good cows \$17 to \$19; canners and cutters \$10 to \$14; good bulls \$17 to \$18, down to \$14 for common; good to choice veal calves \$30 to \$34, down to \$25 for common.

## The Dairy Market

A two-cent drop on Tuesday of this week brought prints, wholesale, to 64 cents. Locally, special cream is bringing 64 cents; No. 1, 62; No. 2, 53; and off-grade 47. There is as yet no noticeable upswing in production.

## EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

On the local market, A1 large eggs, to producers, are 34, medium 32, small 28; A large 30, medium 28, small 24; B17, C 14, crax 12. Dressed chicken, to producers: over 5 lbs., 41 for special, down to 26; 4-5 lbs., 39 down to 24; under 4 lbs., 35 down to 21; broilers, 39 down to 23. Fowl, over 5 lbs. are 27 down to 17; 4 to 5 lbs., 25 down to 15; under 4 lbs., 22 down to 12.

available supply in the 4 major exporting countries for export and carryover on March 1st totalled 898 million bushels, as compared with 1,084 million bushels on the same date in the previous year. Of total supplies 810 million bushels were in Canada and the United States, the Canadian total being 425 million.

A recent survey made in Alberta shows that harvesting has progressed considerably further than was estimated last fall. The survey indicated that 34.6 million bushels of wheat remained to be threshed in Alberta, as compared to 56 million bushels estimated a couple of months ago; 20.3 million bushels of oats and barley remained, as compared to the previously estimated figure of 71.4 million bushels. The most backward region in Alberta, insofar as unthreshed grain is concerned, is an area running along the western edge of the Province from about Olds south to the United States borders.

## Summarizes Outcome Winnipeg Meetings

As reported in our last issue, delegations from the Western Farm Unions recently met officials of the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Canadian Wheat Board in Winnipeg, and Henry Young, A.F.U. President, has prepared a report on these meetings and summarizes the outcome as follows:

"1. Grain is now being moved at the most rapid rate in history. During the first 21 days of March a total of 1,118 cars per day were loaded at Prairie points.

"2. From now to July 31st the railway will provide 1,380 cars per day for grain shipments.

#### Shipments to Churchill

"3. About 500,000 bushels of damp grain will be shipped to Churchill during May; this will fill the storage space there.

"4. Eight million bushels of damp grain is being shipped to Duluth for drying, and possibly as much to Buffalo.

"5. Wheat Board favors the extension of International Wheat Agreement as aid to marketing Canadian wheat.

## Uncertainty Gives Way to Confidence as Sale Proceeds

By LORNE STOUT

UNCERTAINTY gave way to confidence as Calgary's postponed Spring Bull Sale got underway this week. Crowds had jammed the Livestock pavilion for the judging of the Herefords Monday morning and there were plenty of buyers on hand when the sale of Herefords opened during the afternoon.

Prices were below 1951, but that had been expected, and as the selling moved along during the first two days, most breeders would admit the values being set by the buyers weren't too much out of line with what they had expected for this season — even without the foot-and-mouth outbreak in Saskatchewan, and closing of the United States border.

It was a blow to lose a market for several hundred bulls in the United States, but the blow was cushioned by cutting down on the Bull Sale entry from around 1,300 to about 900. The first 130 Herefords sold averaged \$784.00 giving prospect of around a six hundred dollar average for the four day sale of all three beef breeds.

#### Honors Divided

Honors in the judging of Herefords were divided. Ed Noad of Claresholm would have won them all — but Warren Smith of Olds swept through for the Grand Championship with his Junior Champion. But Noad, with his string of William Webber Bulls had the Senior and Reserve Grand Champion, and also took the special awards for the best Pair and the best group of three bulls at the Show. McIntyre Ranch of Magrath and Lethbridge, perennial winners of the group events, won the Ribbon for the best group of five Hereford Bulls.

Judging of the Shorthorns was to take place Wednesday afternoon, of the Angus Thursday morning — with 1952 Bull Sale expected to be wound up in four days, instead of the usual five.

#### At Half Time in Hereford Sale

Up to the time about half of the Herefords had been sold, J. M. Campbell and Son of Stavelly had the top price, his Royal Domino 60th selling at \$5,300.00 to Ralph Wright and Son, of Irricana. Mr. Campbell sold four bulls at an average of \$3,100, the others going at \$3,100 each to L. Boulton of Okotoks, and at \$2,000 to Adam Buyer, Carbon, and C. E. Klinck of Didsbury.

C. S. Bailey of Camrose had the first high sale, a bull at \$3,100.00 to A. Slade of Moose Jaw. Wilf Edgar, Innisfail sold one bull to Tom Jackson of Salmon Arm, B.C. at \$2,650.00. (The sale is in progress as we go to press. Remainder of results in next issue.—Editor).

## Co-op Health Federation Will Meet in Toronto

TORONTO, Ont. — Canada will be host on June 19th to 21st to spokesmen for some 600,000 Americans who are interested in group health plans. They will meet with representatives of Canadian groups for the second institute of the Co-operative Health Federation of America.

"6. Wheat Board definitely opposed to collection of Farm Union dues.

"7. 65% of all coarse grain delivered to elevators 1951 crop was either tough or damp.

"8. If farmers harvest more grain in damp condition this spring it cannot be handled.

"9. Still considerable risk of spoilage on damp grain now in storage. Best hope of saving it is to get large quantities of new dry grain to mix with it."



# Averaging Farm Income Tax

By JAMES R. McFALL

**I**NCOME tax regulations state that every farmer who plans to average his income in any year must file a tax return each year. This is a very significant statement and should be heeded by all farmers.

The importance of this fact has been brought to light recently. The Income Tax Appeal Board has dismissed claims based on the grounds that the farmers in question did not file their yearly returns.

## File Even if Not Taxable

We haven't the full details of the cases in question, but we can assume that these two farmers wishing to average their income over a period of five years had not in the previous four years filed their regular returns by April 30th, which is the final date for filing. Thus it is the ruling of the Income Tax Appeal Board that income tax returns must be filed each year, whether taxable or not, if one wishes to take full advantage of the averaging privilege.

The regulations also state that all farmers who have established a Basic Herd must file their income tax statement each year.

## Still Another Feature

There is still another feature that emphasizes the importance of filing returns. If a farmer has experienced an operating loss, that loss can be deducted from years showing a net profit.

These features have all been incorporated into the income tax regulations on the request of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. They all work to the general benefit of farmers and help to equalize income tax payments as between good and bad years.

**To take full advantage of these features — the answer is — file your statement each year by April 30th.**

## SESSION OF ASSEMBLY (Continued from Page 9)

men's compensation laws after an inquiry by a House Committee, and payments to injured workers and their dependents were increased somewhat. The Government, however, squashed an effort by CCF members to have the minimum salaries for school teachers raised from one thousand to two thousand dollars.

## Quick Action on Gas Export

Outstanding in the session was the tabling of a special report on natural gas resources of the Province, submitted after two years of hearings by the Alberta Conservation Board, and the prompt action by the Government to grant a permit to West Coast Transmission Company to pipe natural gas from the Grande Prairie region to the West Coast of B.C. and the Northwest United States.

This set off a heated battle in the last week of the session, with Liberal and CCF Opposition members battling tooth and nail to halt any natural gas export from the Province at this time.

## Starts Growth First

**MANYBERRIES, Alta.** — Crested wheatgrass is the earliest grass to commence growth in the spring, state officials of the Range Experiment Station at Manyberries. Ten days later, or usually about April 1st, thread-leaved sedge appears, then Sandberg's bluegrass two days later, and in another five days June-grass and speargrass start growth, bluejoint a day later. Near the first of May, blue gamma grass shows up.

## Reports on Interview With Federal Cabinet

A detailed report on the interview of the delegation from the three western Farmers' Unions with members of the Federal Cabinet, has been received from Henry Young, President of the F.U.A.

On the uniform floor price for hogs, requested by the delegation, Mr. Young reports the Government reaction doubtful. (Government action has since been taken on the floor price for beef which was urged by the Unions).

The Government will not renew the International Wheat Agreement, says Mr. Young, unless farm organizations give the O.K. The Government expressed opposition to a separate price for wheat for domestic consumption, and indifference to producer representation on boards. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will not initiate legislation to provide for collection of Farm Union dues through the Wheat Board, says Mr. Young, and the minister opposes farm storage as an unnecessary expense.

On the question of a royal commission re grain handling, Mr. Young states that Farm Unions will be given an opportunity to present their case before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons, if they care to. Mr. Young states the Unions are now recognized as representative of Prairie farmers. They were asked to name a representative to the London conference, opening this week, on the I.W.A.; and Wesley Coates of Chaplin, Sask., was named.

Establishment of a Western Farm Bloc, states Mr. Young, "will require a lot of educational work."

Their contention was that no export should be permitted until the needs of the people of Alberta for at least fifty years was assured. The opposition charged that the Government of Alberta was moving so speedily in adopting an export policy primarily to help the chances of the Social Credit party in the British Columbia elections.

## Oil Surface Rights — Effort Fails

The question of surface rights for Alberta Farmers in the widespread development and search for oil, was more personal to a great many rural residents of the Province, but an attempt to get a share of the oil resources for the surface owners met sudden death in the very last hour of the session.

When Bill 103, a measure amending the right of entry act and restricting rather than enlarging the farmers' power of negotiation with the oil company, came up for third and final reading, Liberal Harper Prowse and CCF Elmer Roper fought strenuously

# PREVENT FARM ACCIDENTS

Experience over the years shows that farm accidents rise in numbers once spring operations have started. Increased mechanization of farms has raised the annual accident total to an alarming degree. All farmers should realize the danger. They should take every precaution to prevent accidents.

The Alberta Wheat Pool has printed a small poster, which lists the dangers in operating tractors. These posters are being distributed free to anyone who writes to the publicity department of the Alberta Wheat Pool. One should be posted on every machine shed and oil stand.

The Alberta Wheat Pool urges that all concerned should join in a campaign to reduce the number of farm accidents during the coming season. A total of 28 deaths resulted from farm accidents in this province last year, of which 20 were killed in tractor accidents.

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to have it referred back for further consideration, but they didn't get to first base.

However, they criticized the Government for cutting off surface owners without a cent of production, and for allowing oil companies to cut up any farm and fields for their wells with the payment of nothing more than cropland values for such sites, tanks, pipelines and roadways.

## Sought Royalty for Surface Owners

First of all the Opposition wanted surface owners to get at least a two and a half per cent royalty, or adequate compensation for the land confiscated for oil wells, or both. Then they wanted the land so confiscated to be valued as industrial property instead of mere farmland. It was contended that most of the farms in first

class districts were drastically lowered in value by the encroachment of the oilfields and that the farmers not only lost their long established home rights but in many cases were virtually driven out.

The Government rejected these proposals, and made no changes in the bill, but as was the case in the vote on gas export, some of the Government members left the chamber, thus avoiding voting in a registered division, and in all the administration strength was down about ten from the usual tally. The members in this category were ones mainly from the chief oil development ridings in central parts of the Province. Incidentally, the final vote for gas export was 44 to 10, the slimmest Government majority in many sessions.

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Pooh, pooh! retorts Goldilocks; Knotty Frankie is such an old rake that he can't turn over a new leaf.

of Jacksonville, down in those grand old United States, can't swim, but he was in no danger when his boat cap-sized. He floated for an hour clinging to his cork leg until help came. Oh, buoy! oh, buoy!

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## Confined to Britain: by A.P.H.

O Francis Drake! O Frobenius! O Cook! Look down upon us now; take just one look!

It was our destiny, we understood; To go about the world, and do it good; To find, like you, some backward, foreign place,

And let it least upon a British face; To dig the desert and discover oil, To teach the charm of trousers and of toil,

And show the globe, from Calais to Cathay.

That cricket is the only game to play. Not for themselves will Englishmen complain

Now they're confined to barracks once again;

But one sad sellless moan we may allow—

What will the lonely foreigner do now?

Postcard from Chuck of Chukka-wallia intimates that a guy never looks so small as when he is trying to look big.

### JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS

We see that the latest New York fashion is taffeta petticoats which have bells attached to them. Any gal who wears one is bound to be the belle of the ball.

Wally, our incurable bach., insists that the sweet young things go in for so many different kinds of perfume because they think men can still be hooked by the nose.

News item states that James Taylor

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The blessings of democracy to Spain. No more with joy will Rome and Paris reel

To see how we can waltz a foreign meal (Though one or two adventurers, I own, May risk a simple breakfast at Boulogne).

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was sent to jail for ten days for contempt of court. He admitted drinking half a pint of evidence during a court adjournment. A real prisoner at the bar, what?

### ENGLISH AS OFFICIALLY WRIT

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Moscow dispatch states that Russian scientists are training honey bees to subordinate their own whims to the interests of the state. Somebody's likely to be stung.

The Russian magazine Knowledge-Power says the bees are being taught to fertilize only those plants the scientists want fertilized. It's a honey of an idea.

### EVENING THOUGHT

I thought, as the darkness was falling,

And Luna was riding on high, While the lamps of the Master were lighting

The measureless bowl of the sky—

Compared with this vast creation,

How weak are the sword and the pen,

And how small are the boasted achievements

Of even the greatest of men.

—George Reis, Castor.

Concert Cancelled When Beecham Ill — headline in the Calgary Herald. A bitter pill!

According to a cable dispatch, all but two of the 400 lead pipes on the organ have been stolen from a church outside an R.A.F. airfield in Malta. So, we suppose, the organist could only play "The Lost Chord".

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Sign in a Tockton-on-Tees men's outfitter store: "We COLLAR you, CUFF you, SOCK you, then BRACE you up."

### OH, THESE WOMEN

"I have just discovered that my wife spent a lot of time and money last year learning shorthand — in order to read my diary! Poor dear! Such a shame. She's learnt the wrong system!" — Letter to the editor of a British weekly.

Well, her shorthand didn't enable her to pull a fast one.

"Spud Barbers" — potato peelers, the assistants to the cooks who feed New Zealand's sheep-shearing gangs, are being paid £14 a week. And if their employer doesn't provide their rations their pay goes up to £16.10 a week. We understand that the farmers think it isn't only the sheep that are being sheared.

Mary of Carbon tell us that while shopping the other day she came across the following sign on a birthday card tray: "ASSORTED RELATIVES — Five Cents Each." Including the in-laws, we suppose, eh Mary?

### A GOOD WIND-UP

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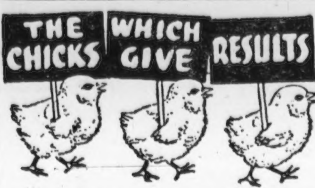
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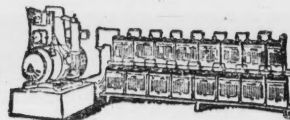
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